(6) Government have in information.

(7) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to 6.

Statement of work, etc., of the Archaeologists.

226. Mr. K. J. Antony.—A. Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a comparative statement of the following items regarding each of the above officers for each year :—

(1) the total number of days spent in camp;

(2) the number of places and historical sites visited;

(3) the amount of T. A. incurred, with the average per month incurred by each;

(4) the amount of touring charges incurred by each officer;

(5) the cost of equipment per officer per year;

(6) the establishment charges of each;

(7) the number of lithic documents, inscriptions and copper plates examined;

(8) number of times expenditure was incurred by each without previous Government sanction;

(9) the amounts so spent on each occasion;

B. Has the present officer copied or re-copied any inscription and himself deciphered any of the inscriptions copied so far according to his annual reports;

C. Will the Government be pleased to state whether the results achieved are commensurate with the heavy additional expenditure involved?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A. (1) to (9). Vide statement appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

B. Yes.

C. Yes. Government think so.

Official etiquette and Archaeologists.

227. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they or any Heads of Departments had any occasion to find fault with the general official etiquette or official irregularities of any of these officers;

(2) if so, a statement may be tabled with the necessary explanatory circumstances and action, if any, taken on the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) and (2). Government do not think that any public purpose is served by answering the questions.

Tenure of office.

228. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state when is the period of the present Archaeologist's appointment to end?

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APPENDIX IV.

(Vide answer to Question No. 226.)

Comparative statement.

Particulars	Past officer			Present officer		Remarks
	1100	1101	1102 1st 7 months	1102 remaining 5 months	1103	
A 1. No. of days spent in camp ...	75	106	8	43	78	...
2. No. of places and sites visited ...	21	12	10	53	98	...
3. Amount of travelling allowance and its average per month ...	Rs. 109 9	Rs. 196 15	Rs. 139	Rs. 93 19	296 25	.. ..
4. Amount of touring charges ..	12	22	19	53	57	. ...
5. Cost of equipment ..	75	60	Nil	Nil	801	(a) This includes Rs. 608 cost of camera and office furniture, which are not recurring expenditure.
6. Establishment charges ..	250	420	155	510	1418	(b) It may be noted here that since 1103 the establishment of the Archaeologist has been also doing the work of the Rama Varma Research Institute which has no separate establishment of its own.
7. No. of lithic documents, inscriptions, etc., examined ..	(b) 81	(b) 12	Nil	(c) 3	(c) 16	(b) These were only copied, but not deciphered or edited. (c) The records were not only copied but were deciphered and some of them edited.
8. No. of times expenditure incurred without previous sanction of Government. ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Once in anticipation of sanction of	The sanction was subsequently obtained.
9. Amount so spent ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Rs. 17—2—0	